

**WE1: AVERAGE WAGES FOR PRIVATE SECTOR JOBS COVERED BY  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE, BY COUNTY 1997 & 1998**

COUNTY	1997	1998	PERCENT CHANGE	RANK	
				1997	1998
Atlantic	\$27,519	\$28,036	1.9%	17	19
Bergen	\$40,100	\$41,883	4.4%	5	6
Burlington	\$32,357	\$34,240	5.8%	13	13
Camden	\$30,765	\$31,582	2.7%	15	15
Cape May	\$21,102	\$21,760	3.1%	21	21
Cumberland	\$26,867	\$28,079	4.5%	19	18
Essex	\$38,361	\$40,674	6.0%	8	7
Gloucester	\$28,388	\$29,331	3.3%	16	16
Hudson	\$37,928	\$39,576	4.3%	10	9
Hunterdon	\$40,816	\$43,295	6.1%	3	3
Mercer	\$38,014	\$40,000	5.2%	9	8
Middlesex	\$40,108	\$42,383	5.7%	4	5
Monmouth	\$32,941	\$34,813	5.7%	12	11
Morris	\$45,198	\$48,420	7.1%	2	2
Ocean	\$24,567	\$26,087	6.2%	20	20
Passaic	\$33,414	\$34,412	3.0%	11	12
Salem	\$38,899	\$38,349	-1.4%	7	10
Somerset	\$46,586	\$51,099	9.7%	1	1
Sussex	\$27,008	\$28,586	5.8%	18	17
Union	\$39,512	\$42,394	7.3%	6	4
Warren	\$32,275	\$33,317	3.2%	14	14
Total Private Sector*	\$37,032	\$39,138	5.7%		

\* Also includes firms which have failed to provide sufficient geographical information as to the location of the business.

Source: U.S. Census, 2000. NJ Department of Labor, 2000. Calculations by Hunterdon County Planning Board